

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This agreement made and entered into in Manila, Philippines on the 17th of June, 2008 by and between:

The **PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION** with principal office at P. Paredes St. Sampaloc Manila represented by its Chairperson, Secretary **LEONOR TRIPON-ROSERO**, hereinafter referred to as **PRC**;

-and-

The **NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**, with principal office at Taft Ave., Manila, represented by its Director **NESTOR M MANTARING**, hereinafter referred to as **NBI**:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the PRC is a regulatory agency mandated by law to regulate the practice of various professions in the country under its jurisdiction and administer licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, under the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 (RA 8981), the Commission may request assistance from any law enforcement agency for the enforcement of its regulatory functions;

WHEREAS, in the past few months, there had been allegations of licensure examinations irregularities which tainted the integrity of examinations;

WHEREAS, the NBI is a law enforcement agency mandated by law to investigate and prosecute criminal activities;

WHEREAS, there is a need to immediately address these problems in order to strengthen our system and restore the credibility of our licensure examinations and the integrity of our professionals;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and the following mutual covenants and stipulations, the parties hereby agree to wit:

1. The NBI shall, from time to time, recommend appropriate security measures to help ensure the integrity of licensure examination procedures;
2. The NBI shall, upon request by the PRC Chairperson, assist the Commission by conducting investigation on matters that affect its enforcement of regulatory laws and violations of licensure examination rules;
3. The NBI shall, upon request by the PRC Chairperson, conduct investigation on any official, employee or member of the Professional Regulatory Board relative to any violation of PRC rules and regulations;

4. The PRC shall allow NBI personnel to have access to PRC records and database for investigative purposes, subject to appropriate information security policies;
5. The PRC shall, if deemed necessary by the NBI Director or his duly authorized representative, assign some of its personnel to aid the NBI in the conduct of investigations;
6. The PRC shall, upon request of the NBI Director or his duly authorized representative, recommend experts in fields regulated by the PRC to provide consultation services in highly technical matters; and
7. Travel expenses to be incurred by NBI personnel in relation to the aforementioned activities shall be for the account of the Commission, subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands on this 17th day of June, 2008 in the City of Manila, Philippines.

**PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
COMMISSION**

**NATIONAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION**

LEONOR TRIPON-ROSERO
Secretary

Atty. NESTOR M. MANTARING
Director

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

RUTH RANA-PADILLA
Commissioner

NILO L. ROSAS
Commissioner

Atty. EDWARD VILLARTA
Director, NBI-NCR

Certified Funds Available:

JANE R. SEVESES
Budget Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
Manila)S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for Manila and in this 17th day of June 2008 personally appeared :

	CTC No.	Date/Place Issued
LEONOR TRIPON-ROSERO	_____	_____
NESTOR MANTARING	_____	_____

Known to me and known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement, which consist of three (3) pages, including this page in which the acknowledgement is written, signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses at the spaces herein provided and acknowledged to me that the same is their free act and deed.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the date and at the place first above-written

Notary Public

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